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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Annual Report of the USIB Committee on Procurement
of Foreign Publications

1. The Third Annual Report of the USIB Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications is submitted herewith.

2. Reference is made to USIB-M-160 of 20 June 1961, paragraph 5, wherein Dr. Kent, reporting on his recent trip to Latin America, "alluded to the general problem of collecting information about Communist China and expressed the view that additional efforts in such Free World areas as Latin America might produce useful new intelligence materials." It was reported further that the Board concurred generally in this view and that the possibilities of improving collection for any additional available data on Communist China will be checked.

3. I wish to invite the Board's attention to the fact that the Committee on the Procurement of Foreign Publications (PROCIB) has considered the availability of Communist Chinese publications a top priority item in its deliberations during the past eighteen months. Specifically, the following are called to your attention:

a. PROCIB Second Annual Report. On 2 June 1960 we reported to the Board that all the world-wide resources available are being checked and expanded to ensure as complete coverage as is possible.

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b. Field Trips. Under PROCIB auspices, survey trips have been made to see what Communist Chinese publications are available not only in Latin America but also in Western Europe and Africa, south of the Sahara.

4. In spite of all these efforts, however, there has been a serious drop off in what Communist Chinese publications we have been able to procure (cf. PROCIB Third Annual Report, paragraph III. A). Another important problem (cf. PROCIB Third Annual Report, paragraph III. B) is the procurement of Soviet military and scientific and technical publications of military application (doctrine, policy, planning, capabilities and objectives).

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Chairman, Committee on Procurement
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